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THE PUNISHER 2099



THE
M  URNING
AFTER





The Comic Rack

STAN LEE PRESENTS:

THE PUNISHER 2099

ALL MY COLLEAGUES ON THE FORCE HAVE TURNED OUT FOR THE FUNERAL... TO PAY THEIR LAST "RESPECTS" TO MY FAMILY.

WHILE THEY LET THE KILLER OFF WITH A FINE.

NOT MY WAY.

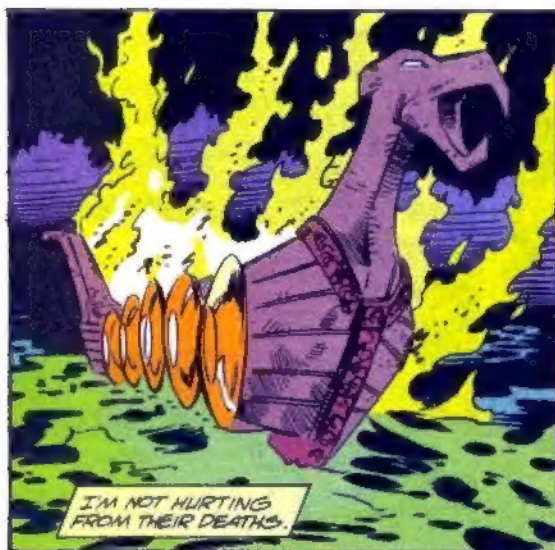
HOW AND BALDWIN WERE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF THOR...

I'M NOT COMFORTABLE WITH ALL THIS VIKING STUFF...

BUT HE AND THE CHURCH AGREE ON ONE THING... HE DON'T BELIEVE IN FORGIVENESS.

AND I BELIEVE IN REVENGE.

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FROM THEIR DEATHS.



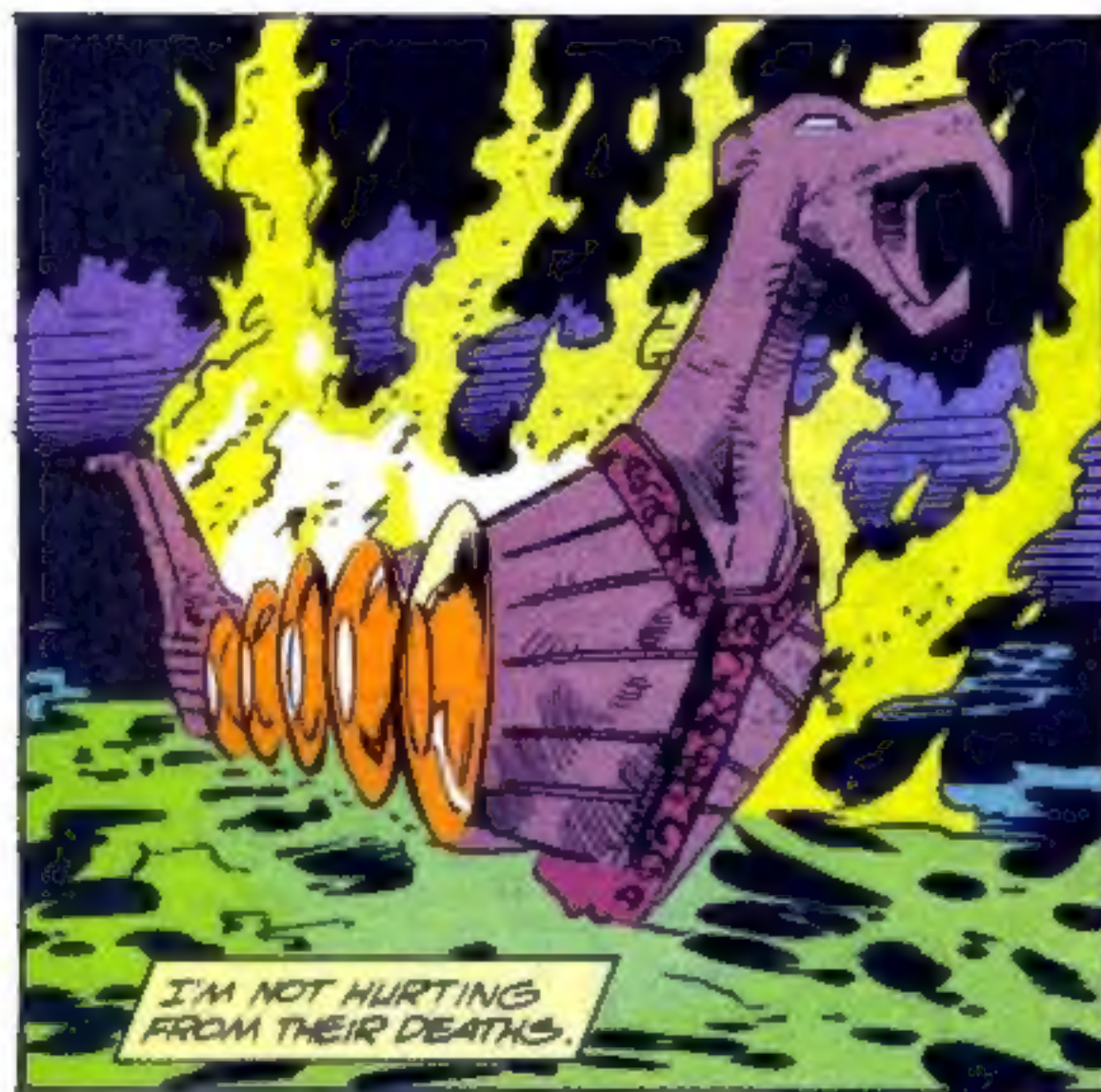
I FEEL
NUMB.

BUT NOT AS NUMB
AS KRON AND HIS
GANG'S GONNA BE...



I'LL LET MY BULLETS
DO THE MOURNING.





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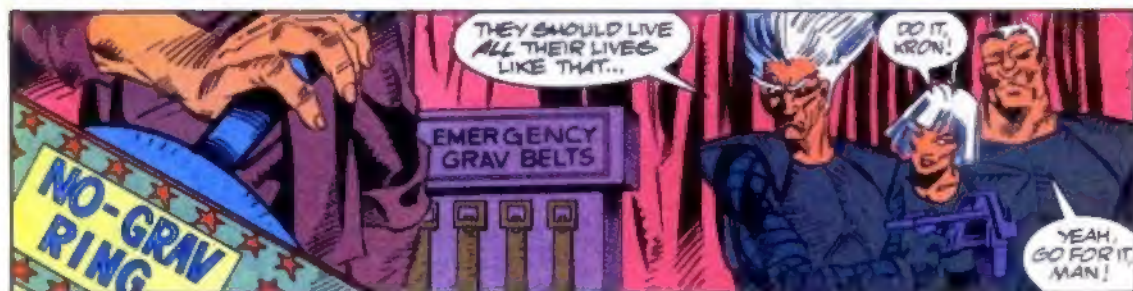
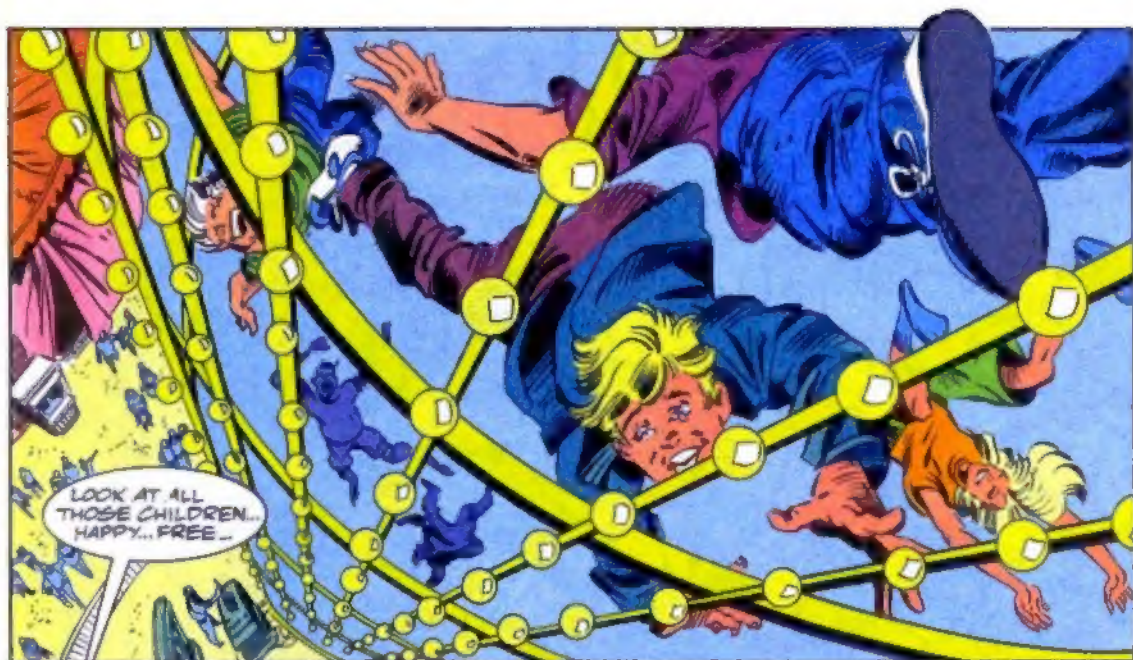
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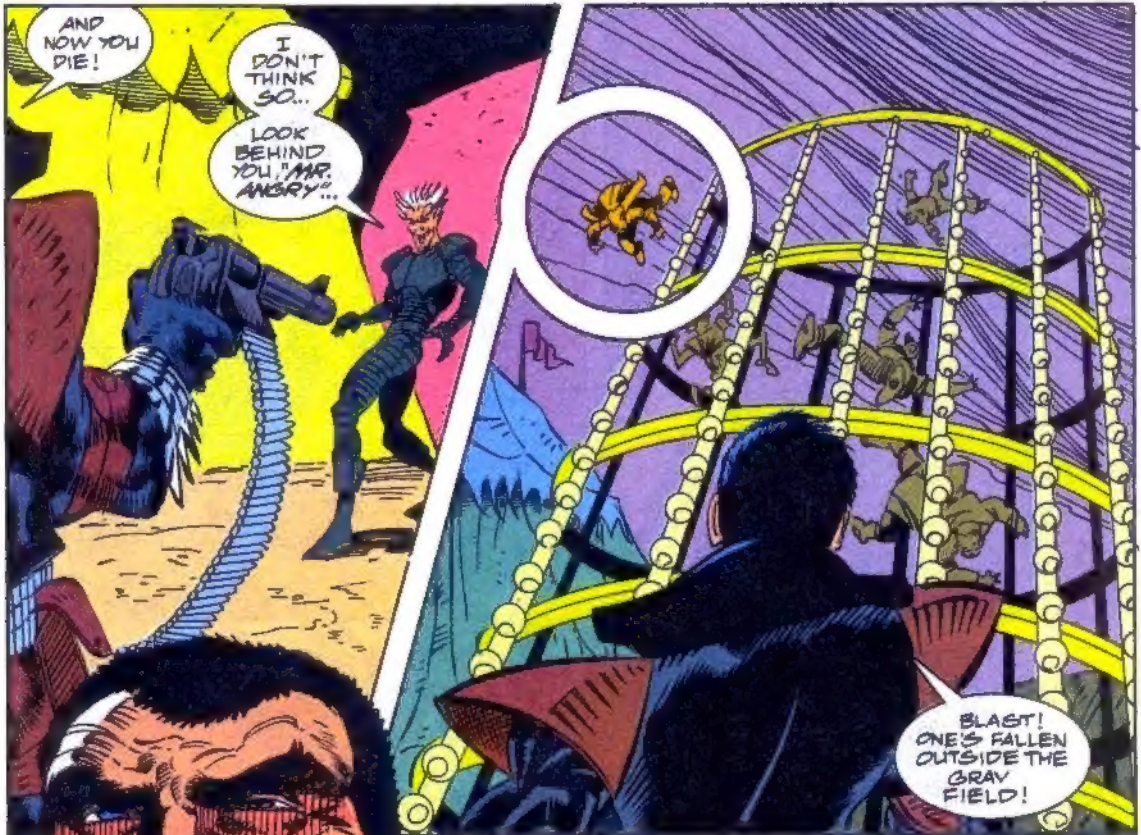
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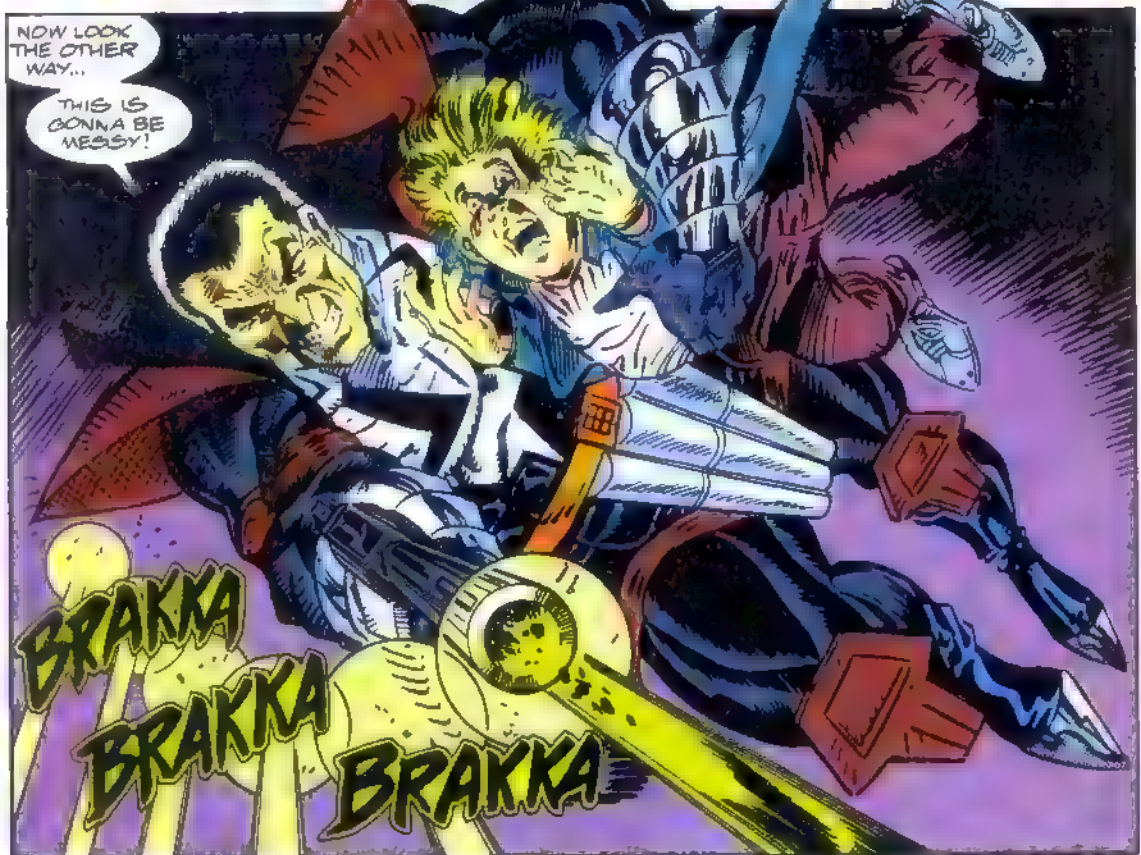
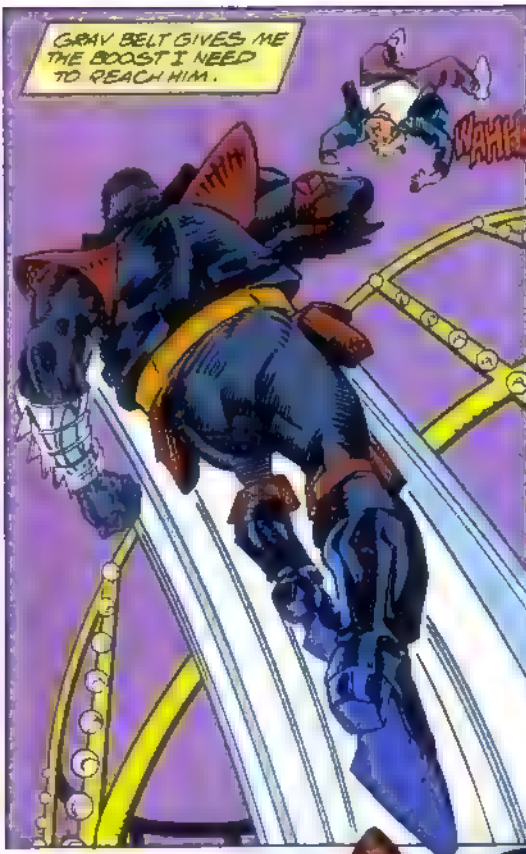


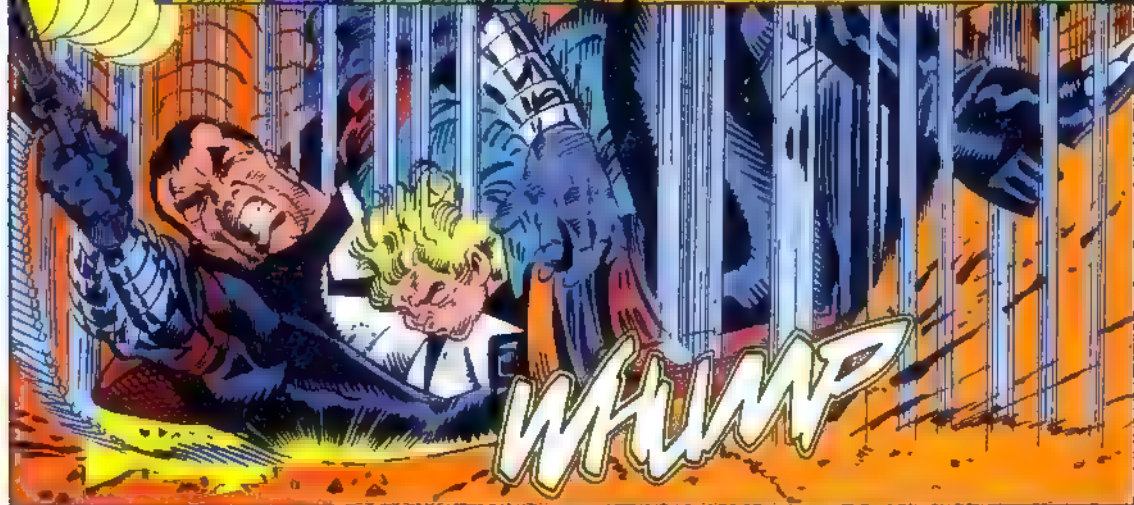
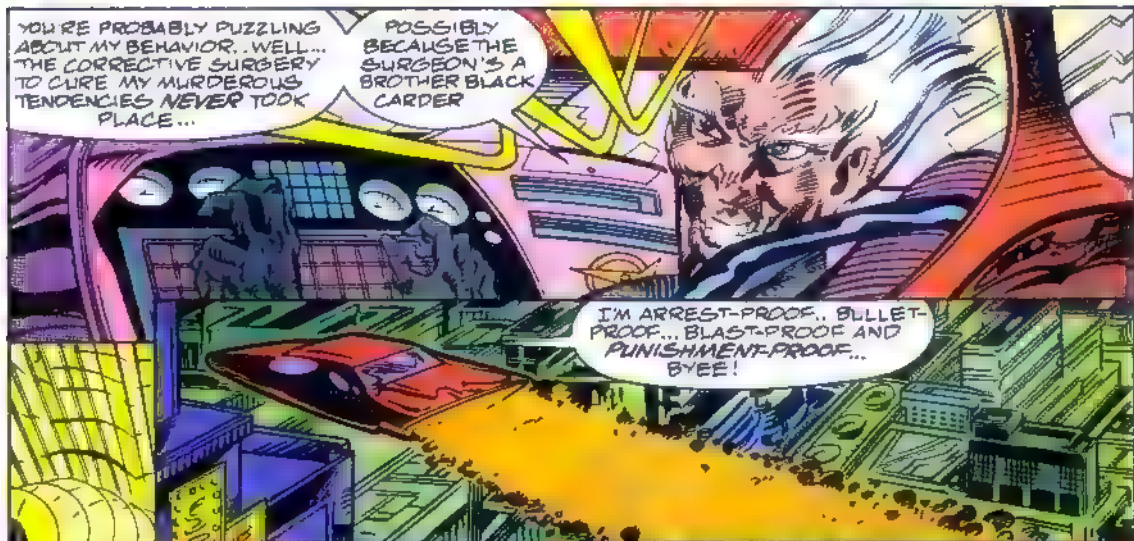
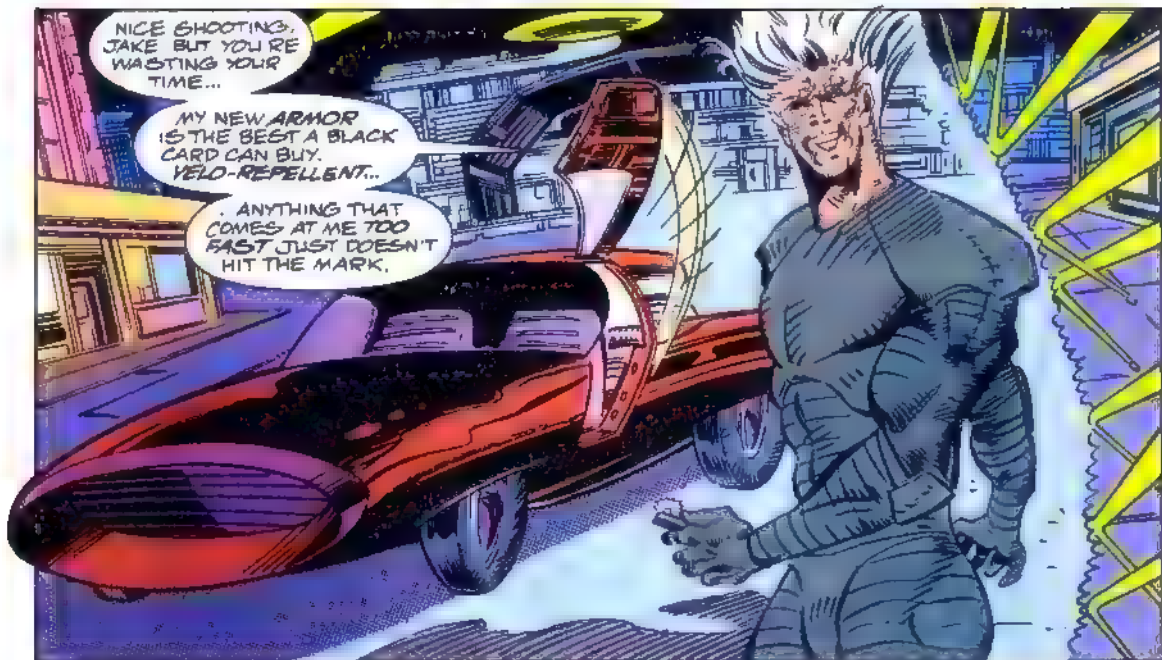


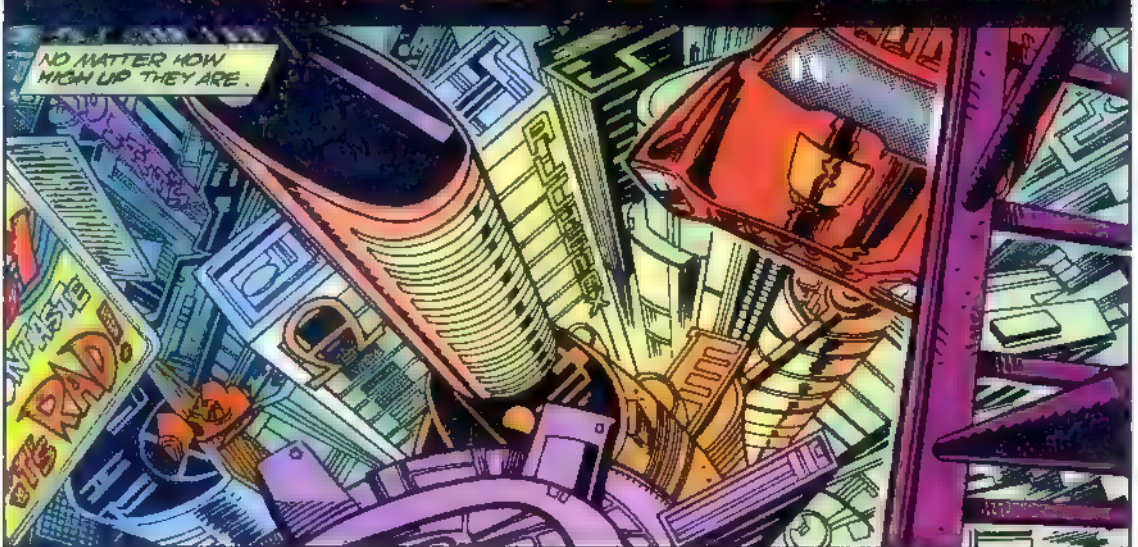
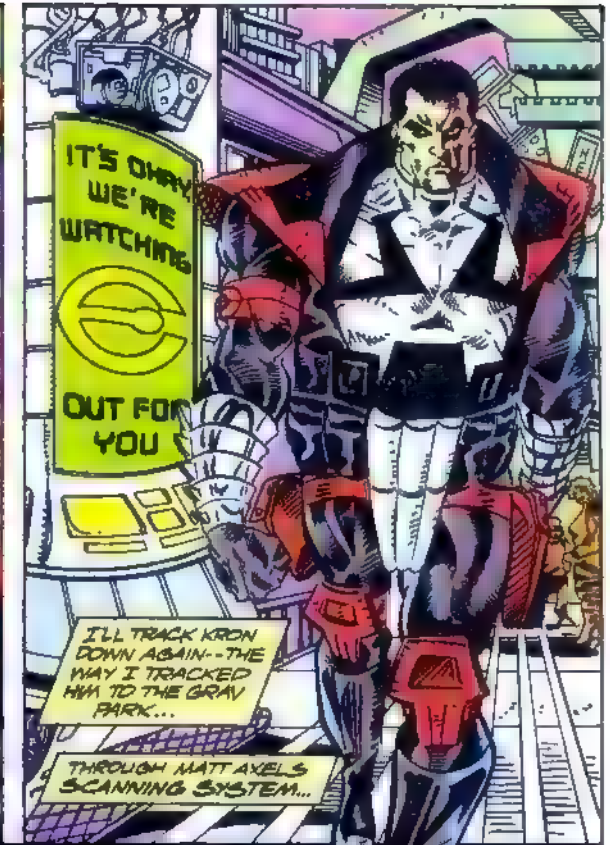












NO MATTER
HOW RICH
AND
POWERFUL...

POLICE COMMISSIONER
BENNELLI, P.S. C EYE
UNLIMITED REPORTING...

SORRY I COULDN'T
SPEAK TO YOU EARLIER,
FEARMASTER... I'VE
BEEN SNOOWED UNDER.

YES
YOU HAVE
BENNELLI

QUITE
A LITTLE
CRIME HAVE
YOU'RE
HAVING.

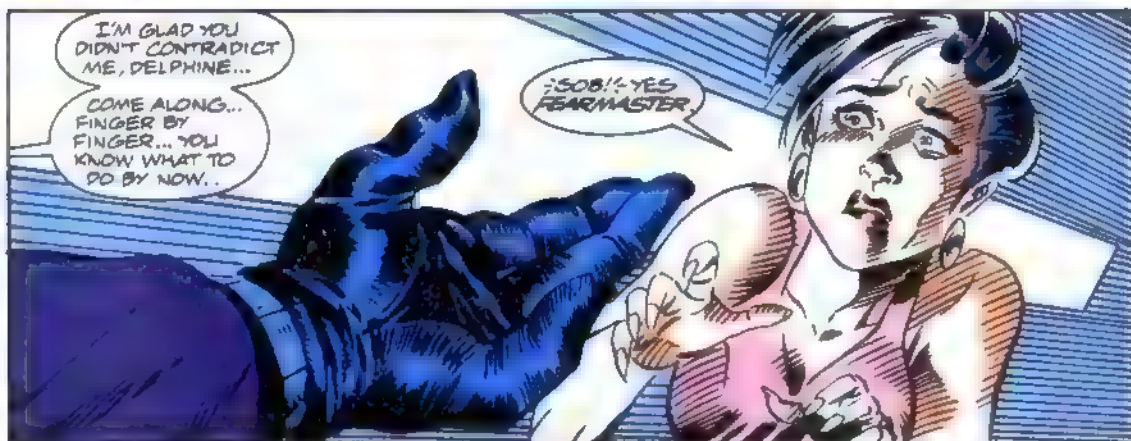
WE AT
ALCHEMAX
EXPECT AT
LEAST A
TWENTY PER
CENT REDUC-
TION IN CRIME
IN RETURN
FOR OUR SPONSOR-
SHIP

BUT SIR,
IF I CAN
JUST
EXPLAIN...

GOODBYE,
BENNELLI

UNDER-CAPO
MULTI FRACOR,
CYBER NOSTRA
REPORTING
FEARMASTER...

AH, FRACOR
GOOD TO HEAR
FROM YOU



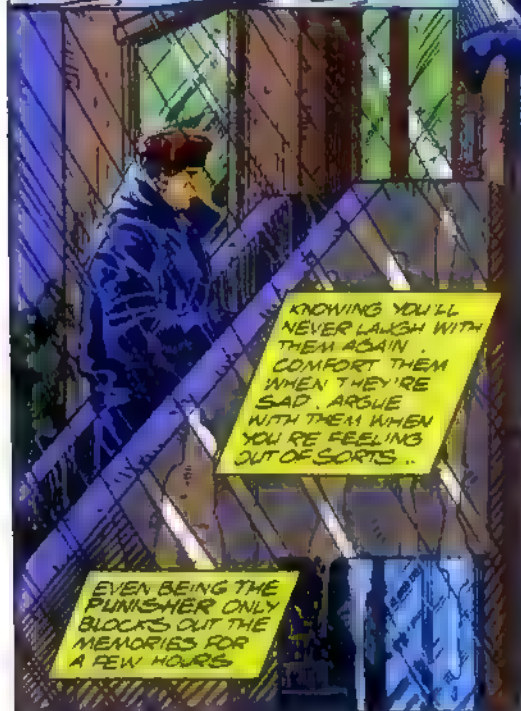


ONE THING
HURTS WORSE
THAN A LASER..
A BULLET..
OR A
MICROWAVE

COMING
HOME TO
AN
EMPTY
HOUSE

WHEN YOUR FAMILY HAS GONE
AND YOU'RE ALL ALONE.

AND THERE'S
NOTHING
AHEAD BUT
PAIN.



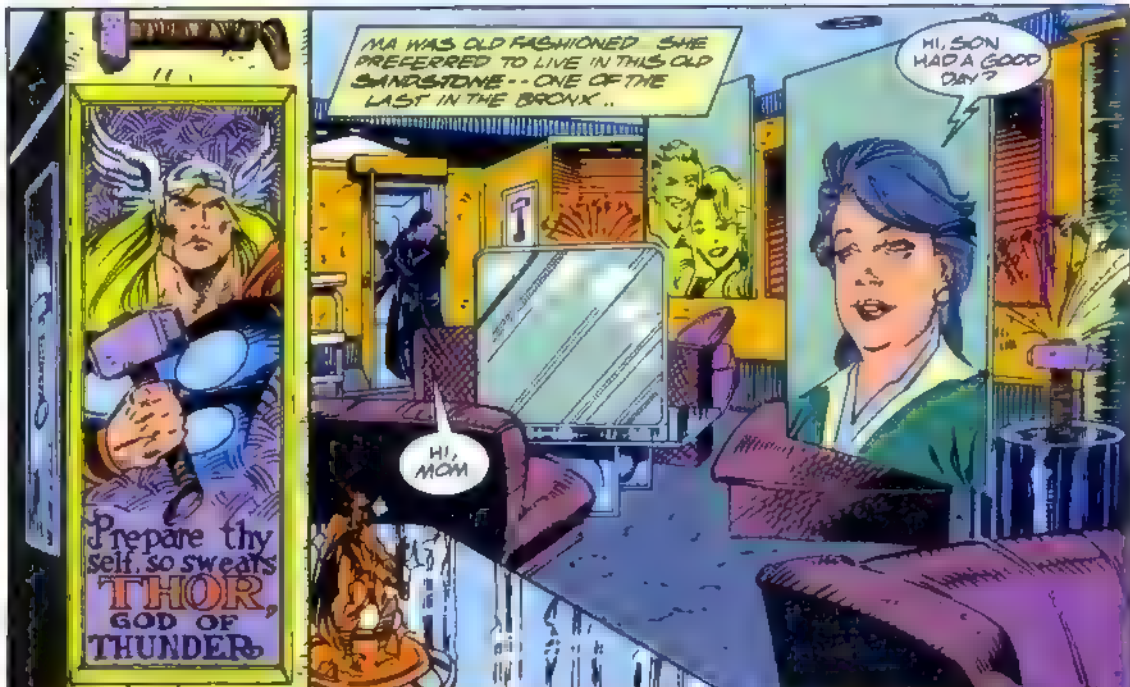
KNOWING YOU'LL
NEVER LAUGH WITH
THEM AGAIN..
COMFORT THEM
WHEN THEY'RE
SAD.. ARGUE
WITH THEM WHEN
YOU'RE FEELING
OUT OF SORTS..

EVEN BEING THE
PUNISHER ONLY
BLOCKS OUT THE
MEMORIES FOR
A FEW HOURS



BUT MAYBE THE
"GUESTS" I'M
GOING TO INVITE
TO MY BASEMENT
WILL HELP...

GUESS THEY'LL BE
COMPANY FOR ME



MA WAS OLD FASHIONED SHE
PREFERRED TO LIVE IN THIS OLD
SANDSTONE--ONE OF THE
LAST IN THE BRONX..

HI, SON
HAD A GOOD
DAY?

HI,
MOM

Prepare thy
self, so sweats
THOR,
GOD OF
THUNDER



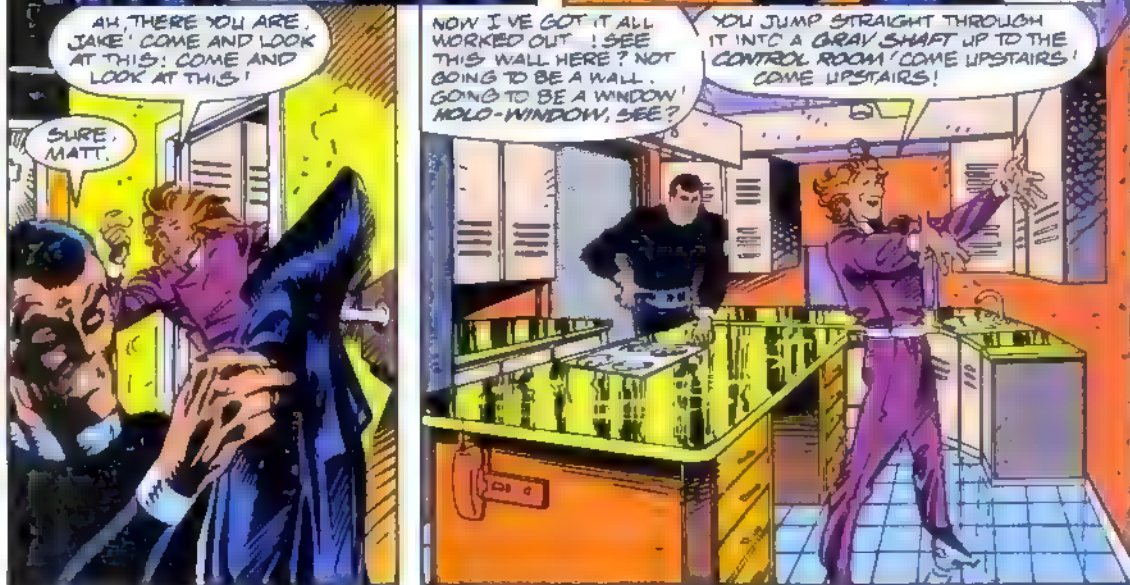
I'LL KEEP
THIS PART
OF IT AS
A SHRINE
TO HER
MEMORY..

HI, SON,
HAD A GOOD...
-KLIK!!

BUT THE REST OF
IT BELONGS TO
THE PUNISHER.

HOLD-
PHOTO'S
STUCK
AGAIN..

HI, SON
HAD A GOOD
DAY?

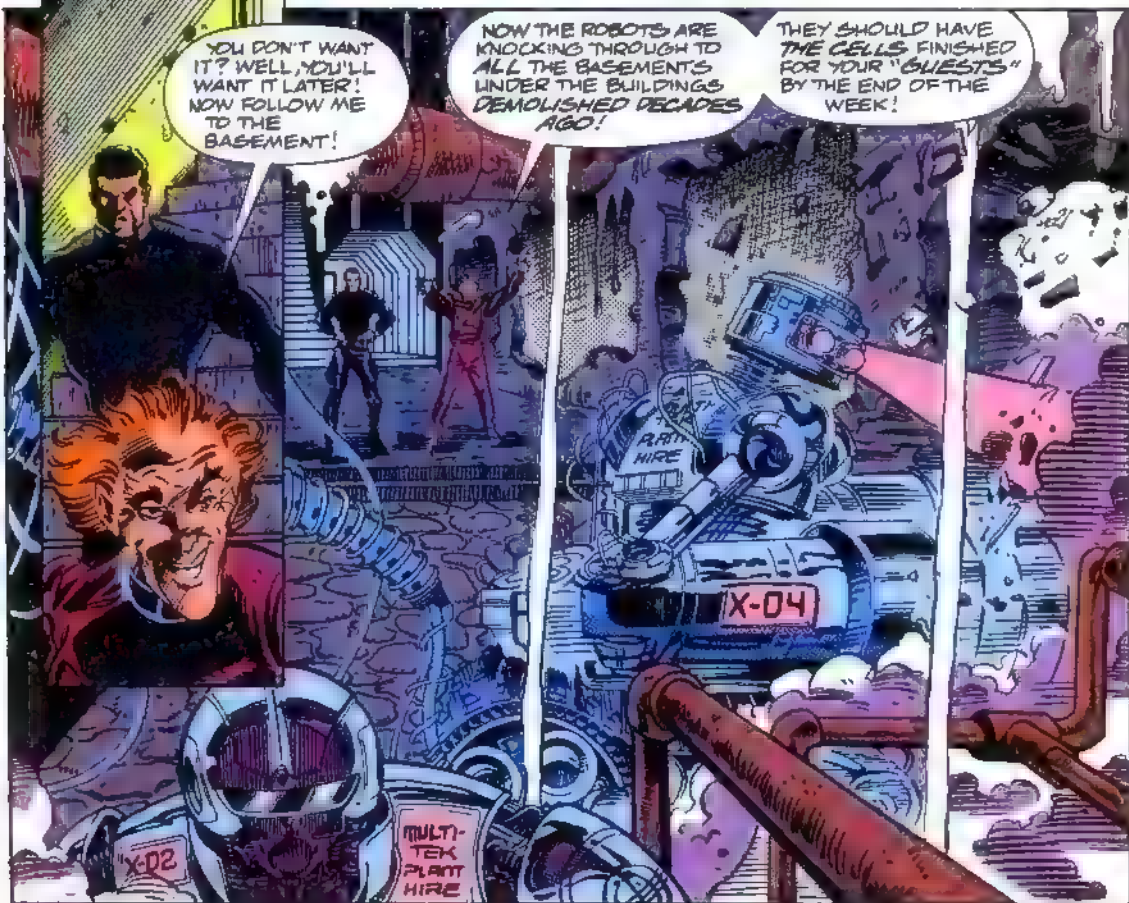
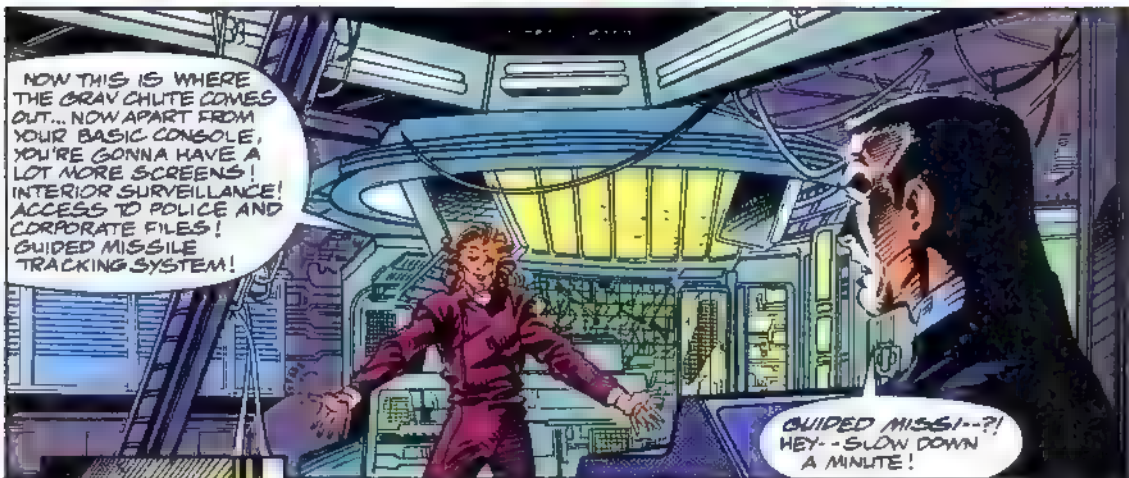


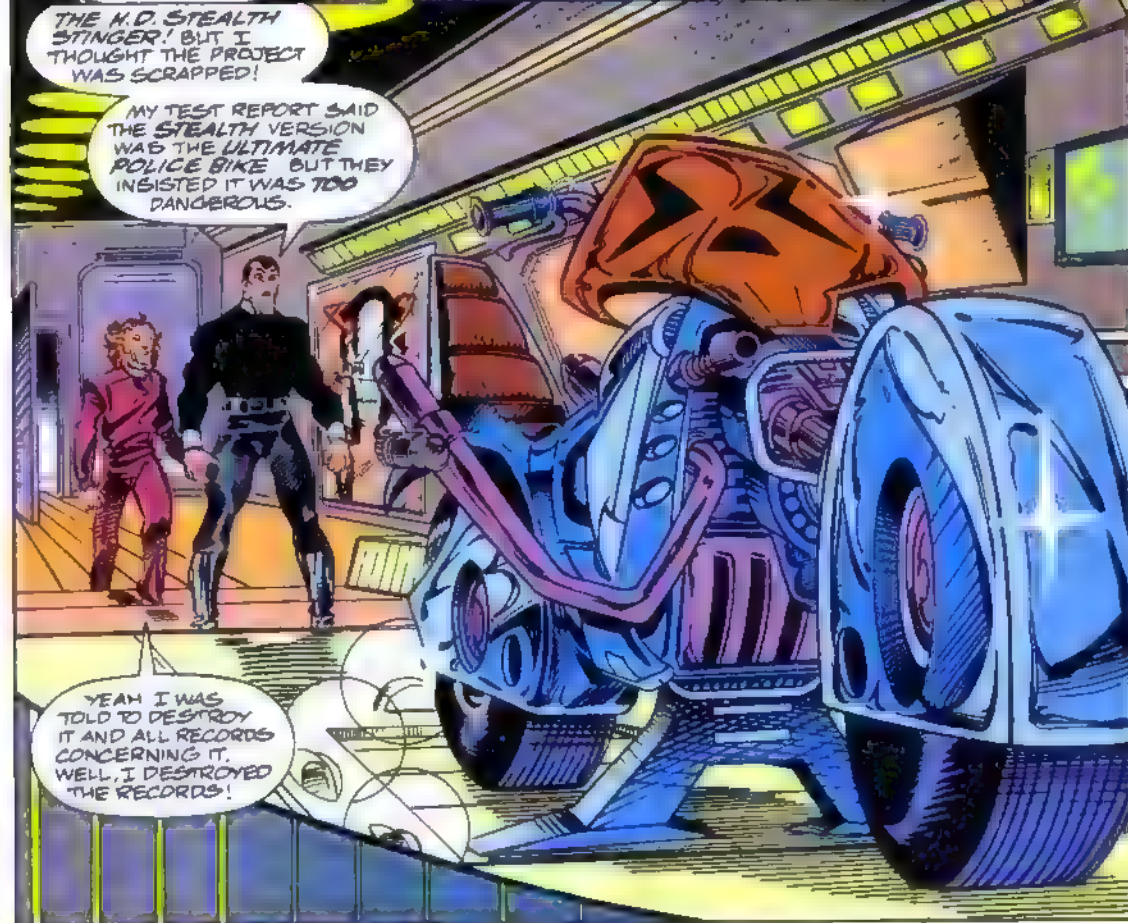
AH, THERE YOU ARE,
JAKE! COME AND LOOK
AT THIS! COME AND
LOOK AT THIS!

SURE,
MATT.

NOW I'VE GOT IT ALL
WORKED OUT! SEE
THIS WALL HERE? NOT
GOING TO BE A WALL.
GOING TO BE A WINDOW!
HOLD-WINDOW, SEE?

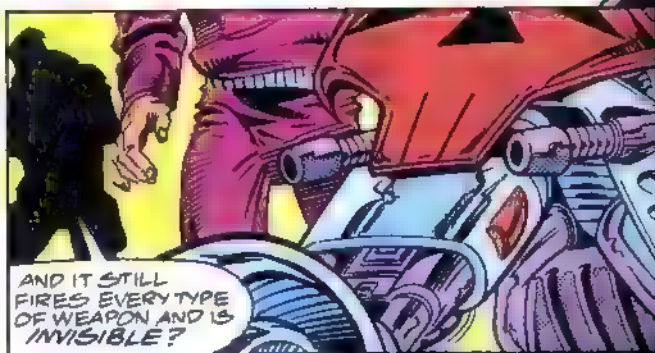
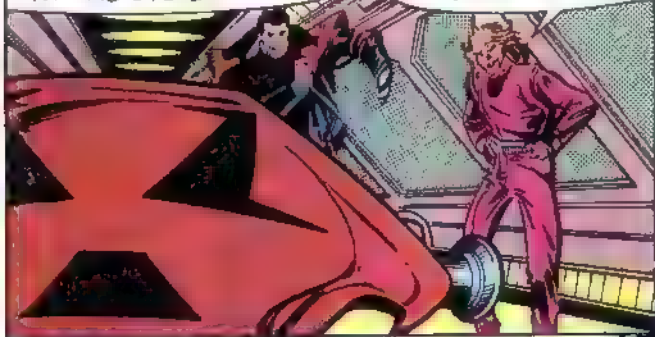
YOU JUMP STRAIGHT THROUGH
IT INTO A GRAY SHAFT UP TO THE
CONTROL ROOM! COME UPSTAIRS!
COME UPSTAIRS!



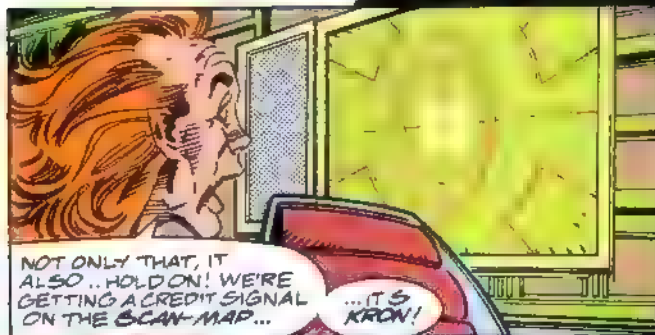


I'VE INCREASED ITS TOP END TO 800 MPH SO YOU'LL REALLY NEED THAT AIR SCREEN AND COMPUTER PROBABILITY MAPPING SYSTEM

IT NOW ALSO ACCESSES AND OVERRIDES THE CITY TRAFFIC SYSTEM, SO ALL LIGHTS WILL BE GREEN



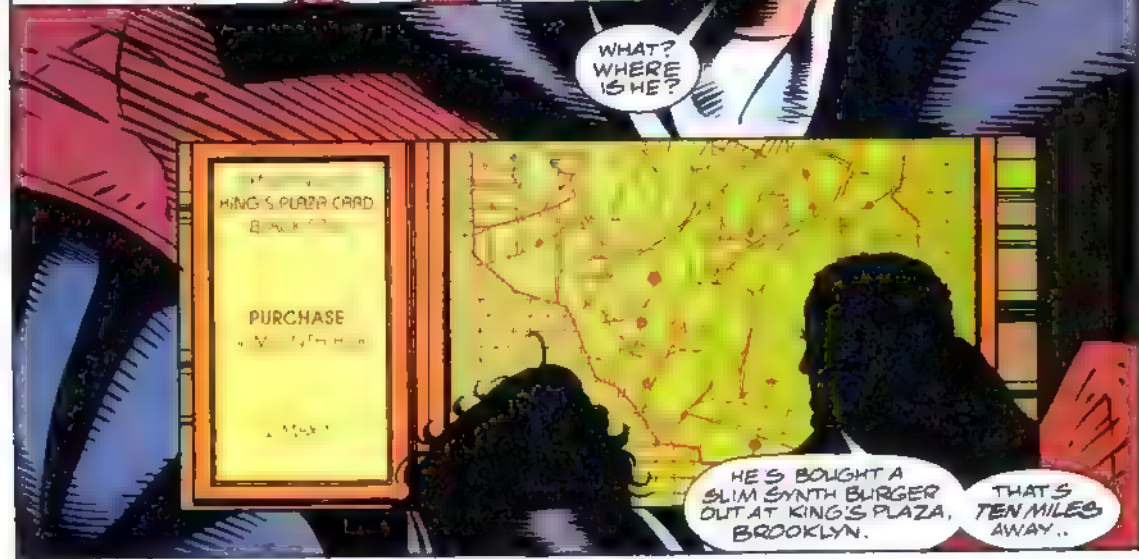
AND IT STILL FIRES EVERY TYPE OF WEAPON AND IS INVISIBLE?



NOT ONLY THAT, IT ALSO...HOLD ON! WE'RE GETTING A CREDIT SIGNAL ON THE SCAN-MAP...

...IT'S KRON!

WHAT? WHERE IS HE?



KING'S PLAZA CARD

PURCHASE

HE'S BOUGHT A SLIM SYNTH BURGER OUT AT KING'S PLAZA, BROOKLYN.

THAT'S TEN MILES AWAY...

YOU'LL BE THERE
IN UNDER THREE
MINUTES."

CAMERAS AT THE
BACK FILM THE
IMAGE BEHIND...
AND PROJECT IT IN
FRONT AS A WRAP-
AROUND HOLO-
IMAGE...

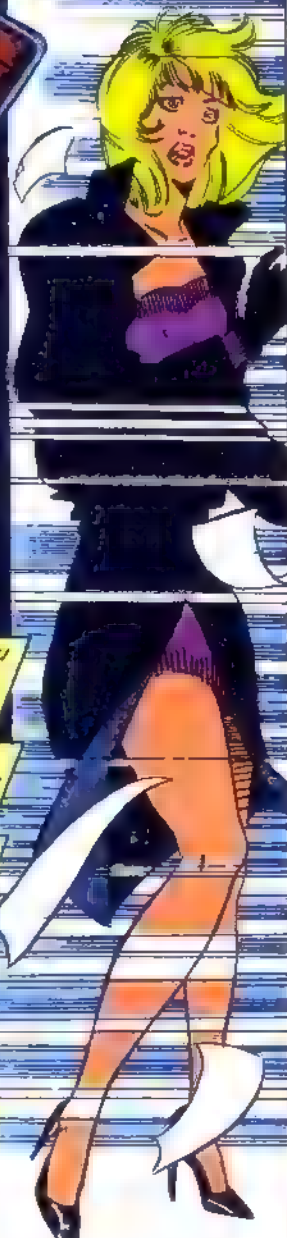
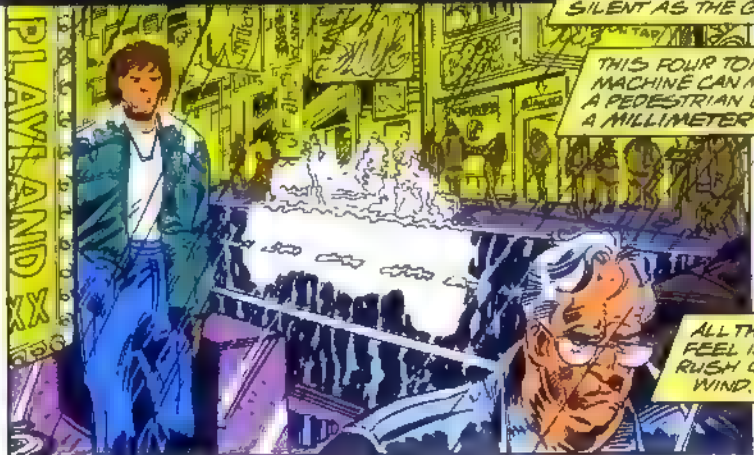
FRESTO!
INVISIBLE
BIKE.

UNDER 200 MPH, YOU
SEE A SLIGHTLY
WAVY IMAGE, ABOVE
THAT-- NOTHING

AND THANKS TO
SOUND BAFFLERS, IT'S
SILENT AS THE GRAVE

THIS FOUR TON
MACHINE CAN MISS
A PEDESTRIAN BY
A MILLIMETER.

ALL THEY
FEEL IS A
RUSH OF
WIND.



THERE HE IS.

INERTIA BRAKES AND ENERGY DRAINS BRING THE SPEED DOWN FROM 800 MPH TO ZERO IN FIVE SECONDS.



THE HOLO-CAMERA WILL CONCEAL THE BIKE IN STATIONARY MODE AS PART OF THIS WALL.

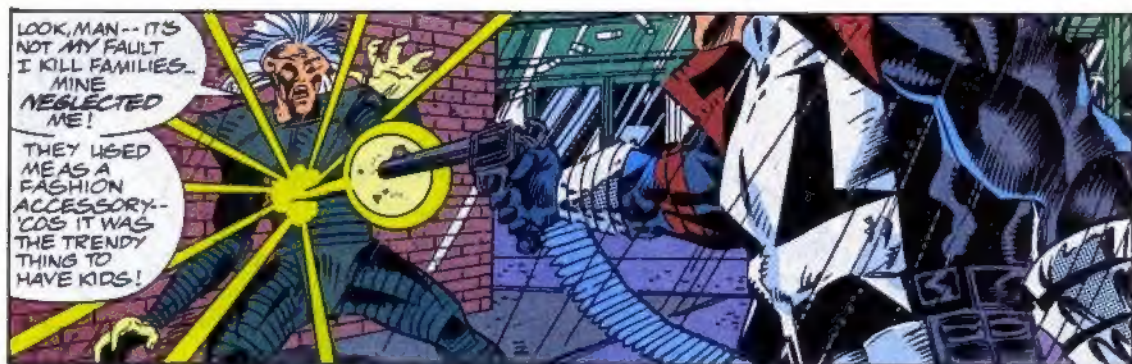


HEY, KRON...

WH-WHO'S THERE...? WHAT DO YOU WANT...?







LOOK, MAN-- IT'S
NOT MY FAULT
I KILL FAMILIES--
MINE
NEGLECTED
ME!

THEY USED
ME AS A
FASHION
ACCESSORY--
'COS IT WAS
THE TRENDY
THING TO
HAVE KIDS!



WHEN THEY GOT
BORED, THEY LEFT
ME IN THE CHARGE
OF A ROBOT!

MOM COULDN'T BE
BOtherED TO
PROGRAM IT--SO IT
DEFAULTED TO
VET MODE!



D'YOU KNOW WHAT
IT'S LIKE TO BE FITTED
WITH A COLLAR, LIVE
IN A KENNEL, AND BE
FED ON DOG MEAT?!



NO, BUT I KNOW WHAT
IT'S LIKE TO HAVE YOUR
FAMILY BUTCHERED BY
A CRAZY WITH A SOB
STORY.



A
KNIFE?

YOUR ARMOR
ONLY PROTECTS YOU
FROM FAST MOVING
OBJECTS, REMEMBER?

AS LONG AS I
DON'T STAB YOU
TOO FAST IT'LL GO
IN REAL NEAT.



AS JAKE GALLONS
I'VE AVENGED MY
FAMILY. IT'S OVER.

BUT AS THE
PUNISHED I'VE
ONLY JUST BEGUN.

THERE ARE MORE SCUM
LIKE KRON ESCAPING
JUSTICE. BUT THEY
WON'T ESCAPE
PUNISHMENT.

NEXT ISSUE: LAST EXIT FROM THE BRONX!